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BETTER LIVING ON THE FARM FROM THE FARM

A suggested plan to guide Extension workers in setting up State and county committees to explore local situations and introduce this project in areas where there is special need for it:

I. Hypothesis (Probable Situation).

In many farm families it would be advantageous to produce more food for home use --

- To improve specific health situations.
- To release some of the cash now spent for food for other necessities.
- To provide better food for generous use on farms.
- To provide farm women with "butter and egg" money.

II. Suggested Procedure.

Have a working committee at State Extension headquarters, including supervisors in agricultural and home economics work and specialists in lines involved in such a program; i. e., nutrition, gardening, horticulture, agronomy, farm management, home management, land-use planning, poultry, and dairy. This committee would be responsible for exploring needs in the States that would relate to such a program and for assembling data on health, income, type of farming by areas, and extent of home production, supplementing them with additional studies where necessary.

III. Information Needed for Each State Situation.

- a. Health - extent and types of illness and disease.
- b. Income (money and non-money) - principal sources.
- c. Number of farms in each type:
 - Commercial, part-time, subsistence, marginal.
- d. Foods produced and consumed - kinds and value.
- e. Foods purchased - kinds and cost.
- f. Kinds of food which can be produced as determined by:
 - Climate, soils, markets, pests, diseases.
- g. Food lacks or inadequacies - from a health standpoint.
- h. Ages of farm operators; ages of children.

IV. Sources of Information.

- State surveys.
- State and county health statistics.

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Farm-management studies.
Census statistics.
W. P. A. and F. S. A. surveys and statistics.
Statistics from Farm Credit Administration on loans.
Report of National Resources Committee.
Reports from school doctors, nurses, and teachers.
Report of Consumer Purchases Study.

V. Planning.

1. Introduce project in one or two counties of State.
Conference of State Committee with Extension Agents in
counties involved, to discuss problem.
Agree on tentative diagnosis and solution.
Prepare a plan.
2. This plan to provide for:
 - a. Conference with temporary county committee representing
agriculture, 4-H, farm women's groups, schools, local
medical work.
Discuss general hypothesis and need.
Stress importance of local information.
Agreement to go ahead.
 - b. Permanent committee for each county appointed to have
charge of work.

Make survey to check local needs and practices
against general diagnosis - 8 to 10 main questions.
Summarize and interpret local data.
Make program.

VI. Carrying Out the Program.

Permanent County Committee Will Do the Following:

- Agree on plan of procedure - assign responsibilities
to carry out plan (local committeemen, agents,
specialists).
- Set goals.
- Measure results.
- Report results.
- Adjust plan as needs arise.

